

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The restriction requirement dated April 11, 2006 has been considered. In compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicant elects to prosecute the claims of invention I (claims 1-44). Applicant traverses the requirement for restriction concerning claims 81-83 of Invention IV, in view of the instant preliminary amendment. Applicant has canceled claims 45-64 and 65-80 of Inventions II and III without prejudice. Claim 84 of Invention IV has been canceled without prejudice.

Applicant has amended base claim 81 to recite the cardiac lead as including an electrical conductor. This amendment to claim 81 obviates the basis supporting the conclusion that the subcombination has separate utility "such as not requiring a cardiac lead with a conductor . . ." presented on page 4 of the restriction requirement.

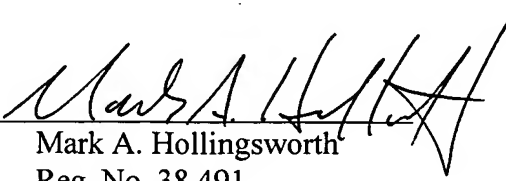
Applicant respectfully requests that the restriction requirement for claims 81-83 be withdrawn in view of Applicant's amendment to claim 81, and that claims 81-83 be rejoined with the claims of Invention I for examination.

If the Examiner would find it helpful to discuss this issue by telephone, the undersigned attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact the attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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